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SUBJECT: UK-SOUTH AFRICA: NEGOTIATIONS TO END SIMONS-
TOWN ACCORD

1. DURING CONVERSATION ON FEBRUARY 18, EMBOFF ASKED HEAD OF SOUTHERN AFRICA DEPARTMENT AT FCO, MARTIN READ (PROTECT), WHETHER BRITISH HAD STARTED DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT TO END AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH BRITISH ROYAL NAVAL VESSELS HAVE USE OF FACILITIES AT SIMONSTOWN NAVAL BASE. READ REPLIED MATTER STILL BEING DISCUSSED AMONG MINISTRIES CONCERNED, BUT THAT DOMESTIC POLITICAL PRESSURES WITHIN THE LABOR PARTY WERE SUCH THAT TALKS WOULD HAVE TO BEGIN WITHIN MATTER OF WEEKS.

2. WHEN ASKED IF SAG HAD BEEN INFORMED IN ADVANCE OF FONSEC CALLAGHAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS AND HMG'S INTENTION TO SEEK TERMINATION OF SIMONSTOWN ACCORD, READ ANSWERED, "THEY WERE INFORMED SIMULTANEOUSLY."

3. READ ASKED THAT FOREGOING BE HELD IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.
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